

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

(MBHB 97-195-P)

In re the Application of:

Burg *et al.*

Application No: 09/901,181

Filed: July 9, 2001

For: Improved Nucleic Acid Assays

Group Art Unit: 1637

Examiner: Kim

Conf. No.: 6516

RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Final Office Action dated February 1, 2007, in the above-identified application. It is believed that no fee is due in connection with this filing; however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our deposit account 13-2490 if a fee is necessary.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.